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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

COMMITTEES:

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I am writing today to discuss the pending merger of Charter Communication, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter. I believe the merger would provide for the public good in numerous ways, but most importantly it would improve broadband services for millions of Americans and address the critical issue of network neutrality.

As a member of the Alabama State Senate, I serve on the Transportation & Energy Committee. Infrastructure is a large concern of mine, and I know that broadband is an important component to our national capacity to facilitate current technology and new innovation. In order to provide customers with fast and reliable services, the company needs to operate on the latest fiber-optic networks. Unfortunately, many rural and underserved communities lack this critical access and are left to contend with underperforming technology. New Charter would address this issue head-on by investing \$2.5 billion into commercial networks and building out one million residential line extensions. These efforts would allow customers to benefit from quality broadband at reasonable rates.

New Charter has also distinguished itself as a broadband company for the future. In addition to investing in the latest infrastructure, the company would maintain a critical component of our online world: network neutrality. New Charter recognizes the immense value in a free and open Internet and it is ready to uphold the policy for its customers.

I am very impressed with New Charter's commitments to investment projects and network neutrality, and I am certain customers would benefit from these substantial endeavors. I hope you will join me and support the merger.

Steve Livingston

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